



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants:	Harvey et al.	)	Examiner: Schmidt, M.
Serial No.	09/121,239	)	Group Art Unit: 1635
Filed:	July 23, 1998	)	
For:	METHODS FOR DETECTING AND MEASURING SPLICED NUCLEIC ACIDS	)	Docket No.: GP091-02.UT

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**AMENDMENT**

Box FEE  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 18, 1999, for which a two-month extension of time for response is requested by the accompanying Petition, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please make the following changes.**

At page 1, please delete lines 3-4 and replace them with:

a)

--- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/053,509, filed July 23, 1997.---

**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please amend Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 16, 18 and 19 as follows:**

1. (Amended) A method for detecting a fusion nucleic acid comprising the steps of:
- a) providing a sample containing a first single-stranded fusion nucleic acid comprising a splice

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I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited on the date indicated below with the U.S. Postal Service as First class mail addressed to Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date: January 18, 2000

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